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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following amendments refer to the claims received in the International Application on March 25, 1998.

Please amend claims 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or Claim 2".

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of the preceding Claims" to --Claim 1--.

Claim 7, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of Claims 1-4" to --Claim 1--.